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Blessed of the Lord be His land, . . .
For the chief things of the ancient mountains
And for the precious things of the everlasting hills..

—Deut. xxxiii.

CAMPING —

Mountain Style

"When it's Springtime in the Rockies" may be just a song to you, but to hundreds of Alberta boys and girls that's one of the many times their memories turn to camping at Holiday House, Camp Chief Hector or Camp Inuspi — three truly mountain-style camps.

On the outskirts of Banff, the Beautiful, near the famous Cave and Basin, is located the Calgary Y.W.C.A. girls' camp—Holiday House. Built originally as a millionaire's mansion, it has been adapted to camp life very successfully with but one major drawback. When you think of camp you always think of campfires, but National Park regulations prohibit campfires except for very special occasions. They always manage to have at least one during each ten-day camp period, and the huge fireplace in the lodge provides a cheery background for many programs which would ordinarily be held outside. Holiday House has many unique attractions—swimming at the heated pool, two hundred yards up the road; bears, moose and deer "dropping in" to look things over; a dining hall with murals painted by a famous artist; and tiled bathtubs with lots of hot water to relax your weary bones after a strenuous mountain climb or a bike trip around the Banff Springs Golf Course. Program at Holiday House features music, crafts, cycling, mountain climbing, nature clubs, etc., and special evenings when guests from the Banff School of Fine Arts or local Naturalists, give presentations.

During the five years Holiday House has been open, many business girls, as well as school girls, have enjoyed its facilities and program, and many are the amateur puppeteers in Calgary and district who became fascinated with the little moppets there.

Impossible to achieve a real camp atmosphere under such conditions, you say? Well—they may miss out on a few traditional camp features, but by and large, the girls have as fine a camp experience at Holiday House as anywhere.

Thirty miles south of Holiday House, just off the Banff highway, the Y.M.C.A.'s Camp Chief Hector, for boys of Calgary and district, nestles in the "Evening shadow of the Rockies". Situated on the Stoney Indian Reserve, the camp boasts one of the few warm-water lakes in the mountains, Lake Bowfort, and rising from the shores of the lake opposite the campsite, tower the giants of the Fairholme Range—Yam Nuska, End Mountain and Association. These are the goals of many mountain climbing parties who spend at least one day each week scaling the peaks. On the "flats" south of camp are excellent hiking areas for the younger boys, and many fine pony trails. The lake itself—about one mile long and three-quarters of a mile wide—provides fine swimming, boating and canoeing, with the thrill of sailing—a goal for which the seniors strive. Three-day canoe trips south to the Ghost River, and mountain trips to distant peaks, provide a real challenge to older boys.

Camp Chief Hector is famous for its Indian traditions — named for the Stoney Chief who negotiated with Y.M.C.A. officials in 1929 for the use of the campsite. The present Chief and many of his men are familiar and welcome guests at the camp. Here the boys sleep in the traditional Indian tepees, and the Stoneys claim that the Council Tepee is the largest in the world! Grand Indian Councils, Indian contests and pow-wows highlight camp program, while the Calgary Stampede has nothing to better the annual Stampede at Camp Hector.

A strange sight amid the tall pine trees at Camp Hector is an old Calgary street car—remodelled into a fine craft shop. For here as at Holiday House and Camp Inuspi crafts are an important camp experience.

Further south in beautiful Waterton Lakes National Park is the camp of the Lethbridge Y.M.C.A., Camp Inuspi, or "Camp of the Long Hair", named after historic Kootenay Brown who had a trading post in the early days on the camp property. Indian pony races were held on the camp flats in front of the present dining lodge, so here, too, the traditions of the Red Man are observed and closely incorporated into camp program. This past summer the camp had the misfortune to lose its dining lodge by fire, but nothing daunted, the camp carried on, using a large marquee as temporary quarters.

Camp Inuspi is also fortunate in having a small lake all to itself—Knight Lake—which is separated from the main Waterton Lakes by a small stream known as Stony Creek. Fishing is a popular program feature at Inuspi, and many are the lively brook trout which fall to the lure of young fishermen and women; for Camp Inuspi is unique, too, in that its facilities are used by both boys and girls—three weeks for boys and three to four weeks for girls. Many young adult groups, both from the Y.M.C.A. and local organizations, have enjoyed co-ed weekend camps at Inuspi.

Mountain climbing, swimming, crafts and Indian ceremonies play an important part in the program here too, and the staff at Camp Inuspi has used to great advantage members of the National Parks Staff, who willingly participate in programs specializing in nature lore and camp craft.

There are many excellent mountains to climb, with Vimy Mt. rising eight hundred and fifty feet immediately behind the camp. Red Rock Canyon, a favourite spot for tourists, and Crypt Lake, provide good climbing and camping.

Mountain camps are not so very different from other types of camps, but they do offer thrills and challenges not met elsewhere—although the story is told of one of the Holiday House girls from Regina who was persuaded by her enthusiastic mountain-loving camp mates to arise in the wee sma' hours of the morning and climb Sulphur Mountain, to see the sun rise. Lying on the top of the mountain, she sleepily watched the majestic sight of the sun coming up between two distant mountain peaks and grumblingly remarked: "Heck! I could see the same sight for lots less effort lying on a Saskatchewan prairie watching the sun rise between two stooks of grain!"

"The future of the race marches forward on the feet of children."
—Phillips Brooks.

Our Incorporation

AND WHAT IT MEANS

A great step forward in the field of organized camping in Canada took place when, through the efforts and persistence of a group of social-welfare minded Canadian men and women —camping pioneers—a new constitution was drafted in a form acceptable for Incorporation by the Secretary of State for Canada.

What Does Incorporation Mean:

1) That the C.C.A. has established its existence in a form approved by the law.
2) That the C.C.A. now possesses a legal personality apart from any of its members—which is one of the prerequisites of recognition by many governmental departments and other money-granting agencies.
3) That the C.C.A. as a legal person has rights, powers and privileges apart from those who administer its affairs; it can thus follow and carry out any of the objects enumerated below in its own right through its constitutionally appointed administrators.
4) That the By-laws of the C.C.A. set out the regulations governing its operations and through a democratic procedure.
5) That the qualifications, powers, duties and responsibilities of the Officers and Directors of the C.C.A. are clearly defined by its By-laws.
6) That the spheres of activity of the C.C.A. and of its committees are defined in its Objects and By-laws.

To Sum Up: The Incorporation of the Canadian Camping Association means that it now exists in a form recognized by the State as being the most satisfactory for its continued existence and democratic functioning.

Copies of the new C.C.A. Constitution may be obtained by writing to the National Office. The Executive of the C.C.A. recommends that every Provincial Association adopt a Constitution or revise its present one. It will be only too happy to help and advise.

Canadian Camping Association Objects

(a) To further the interests and welfare of children, youth and adults through camping as an educative, character building and constructive recreational experience;

(b) To act as a co-ordinating body for camping throughout Canada;

(c) To develop and encourage high standards in camping and the maintenance thereof;

(d) To study all aspects of camping and to interpret and disseminate knowledge concerning developments and regulations pertaining thereto;

(f) To acquire and own assets, property, privileges, real estate and other rights by purchase, donation or legacy for the purpose of the Association; to sell, alienate, and exchange the said properties and to acquire other properties in their place.

Goals For 1950

At a meeting of the Board, held in Ottawa in November, it was decided that while the general objectives set out in the Preamble to the Constitution were splendid, the C.C.A. should choose a few particular goals for 1950. At the end of the year it would be possible to evaluate the results of the efforts and analyze the weaknesses. This met with the enthusiastic support of the Board and the following Goals are listed in priority of importance:

1. That office facilities be established for the National Executive to provide efficient means of communication between:
   The C.C.A. and Provincial Sections
   The Provincial Sections
   Cooperating Agencies
   Individuals and the C.C.A.
2. To discover the implications of the new Charter and to follow meticulously the rules set out by the Constitution.
   Models of existing Provincial Constitutions would be exchanged and reviewed to make certain they were in order with the new Constitution and to assist those provinces desiring to set up new constitutions.
   Copies of the Charter to be sent to Presidents, Executives and Board Members.
3. To increase membership by at least fifty members, the new routines set up for the Membership Committee to be followed.
4. To define the aims and objectives of good camping, the Public Relations Committee to be responsible for circulating this among the members and to seek opportunities to publish articles, interpreting camping to the public, printed in newspapers and magazines.
5. To prepare a Camp Directory of all Canadian camps in two sections:
   (a) All camps, members of the C.C.A.
   (b) All other camps.
6. To assist provincial associations to obtain leaders and speakers for regional conferences and seminars.
7. To work toward better standards by securing and disseminating material through the Committee on Standards.
8. To explore the possibilities of having the Dominion government build camps for children in national parks and these camps available on a rental basis to agencies.
9. To present a bibliography of camp material in various fields for the use of the members of the C.C.A.
10. To promote international awareness in our camps through greater knowledge of the responsibilities of Canadian and National Citizenship.

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Kilcoo Camp

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THE RISKS of Safety

JOYCE M. TYRRELL,

Assistant Director of Swimming and Water Safety, Ontario Division, Canadian Red Cross.

Can we make campers "safety conscious" without at the same time making them into "sissies"? Is it possible to surround boys and girls with all the precautions necessary to safe camping without taking from them the incentives for initiative, self reliance and daring which make up the great adventure of outdoor living?

This is a problem which every Camp Director answers intentionally or unintentionally when he chooses a camp site, lays out a waterfront, hires staff and formulates camp rules; his policy will then be reflected in the smaller decisions made by counselors in dealing with the campers themselves. It may seem presumptious, therefore, for anyone other than a Camp Director to discuss safety regulations in a camp, but through my work with the Red Cross Water Safety Programme I have been forced to try to clarify my own thinking on the matter for the sake of the Instructors-in-training, who attend these Courses and who are puzzled by the problem. I offer these suggestions in the hope that they may prove useful to others.

I cannot forget that these young men and women will soon be responsible for the lives of many people at pools, beaches, and in our camps. I am glad that through Red Cross training, we can help them to keep their waterfronts free from accidents, even if sometimes the price of this safety must include irksome rules and strict regimentation.

Often some members of the Instructors' Course—usually ones with camping experience—are not satisfied with this emphasis on safety alone. "Such a lot of rules takes all the fun out of camping," they complain. "Kids who think of their own safety all the time have no spunk".

Is it possible to over-emphasize safety regulations? This is a fair question which should be fairly answered by those of us whose business it is to "teach safety". I think then of a little girl who came straight from New York to one of our Northern camps and who went in my charge on her first long hike. Never shall I forget that child's response when we came upon a lovely little lake hidden deep in the woods and she and her companions could shed their clothes and plunge straight into the cool waters. She was almost beside herself with the beauty and freshness of it all. Some years later I met her again and she still remembered. I feel sure that any outward sign of regimentation at that time would have spoiled something that was perfect for her. In this particular case my group was so small that I could watch them without seeming to do so, and therefore the risk was slight. But whether the group is large or small I believe that the question remains the same and that the answer must always be a positive one.

Children will sense what is expected of them more easily than they will read lists of rules or even listen to good advice. Think, for instance, how hard it is to obey a red traffic light and stay on the curb when everyone else is wandering out into the road but how

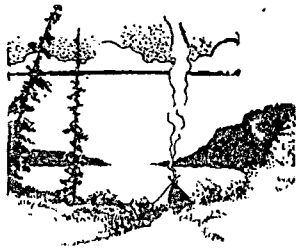
easy it becomes when the whole crowd is patiently obeying the signal. Hence, when young campers see counselors and older campers treating boats with affection and good swimming procedures with respect, they will usually follow suit without question.

Again, I believe that children have a great need to try things out for themselves, testing themselves against wind and water and a hard trail, and if this need can be satisfied, it will finally result in greater safety. For instance, an occasional chance to swim (with accompanying boat) beyond the usual bounds to some not-too-distant goal, will often satisfy this urge. Similarly, if campers who are good swimmers, are sometimes allowed to take out an old canoe and try stunts in it, freely testing both it and themselves, then they will not only be more at home in canoes but they will develop a real understanding of them and with it a readiness to accept good practice in the use of boats.

The more freedom that is granted to campers, however, the greater is the responsibility upon the shoulders of those in charge. In fact, it takes such courage to preserve the spirit of adventure that leaders can hardly be blamed if sometimes they prefer to smother it under "do's and don'ts". Behind the sense of freedom of a good camp there lies intensive preliminary work. The director and staff will have foreseen possible accidents and have already taken steps to guard against them. There will have been very careful planning of the waterfront, and careful consideration of programme so that small, rather than large, groups may embark on adventures together. Most important of all is the careful selection and training of staff. It is, perhaps, not too much to state that when the staff is very young and inexperienced, many restrictions for the campers are necessary, but that the more mature and competent the counselors, the more can rules be dispensed with and zest for camping maintained.

Here, in the training of Instructors, lies the chief Service of the Red Cross to Water Safety in Canada. We do not suggest that in a brief, thirty-hour course we can transform a novice into a wise and experienced counselor, but we do suggest that if a young instructor has learned to think in terms of safety —individual safety, group safety, waterfront safety—and to think of it as part of the larger pattern of camp education, that we shall have safe and sane living in our camps and that the high adventure of the woods and the waters will not be lost.

This is the first of a series of articles on services rendered by the Canadian Red Cross to Camping. For further information get in touch with the Red Cross Commissioner for your province, or the National Commissioner, 95 Wellesley St., Toronto.



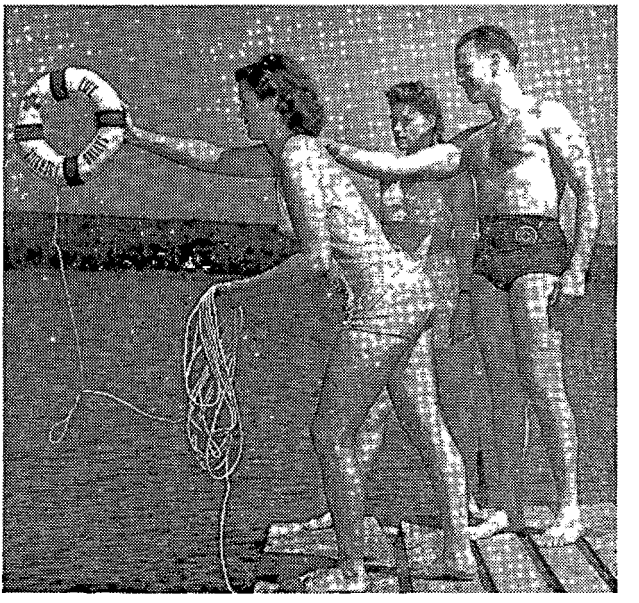
The safety of a camp Waterfront depends in part upon the sound training of the Swimming Instructors.

The Editor Comments

With this issue we begin Volume II of "Canadian Camping", and there is an inclination to do some stock-taking. How are we measuring up to our aim: "to present to camp directors and counselors, articles of timely interest on many phases of camp life, notes on events in provincial associations, discussions of new trends and developments, book reviews, an exchange of program and practical ideas and a selected list of advertisers who cater to the camp clientele"? For the measure in which we are achieving our goal, we thank all those who have contributed articles, news items and book reviews.

This is a cooperative venture, in which we are all gladly sharing our ideas on camping. We would ask our readers to suggest writers and subjects for future issues. We would beg the provincial associations to send in items of news. Comments and criticisms will be appreciated. Only by hearing from you can we judge whether we are "hitting the mark".

"Canadian Camping" must be what its name implies. It must be truly Canadian, and it must deal with many and varied aspects of camping. It should never be dull, stuffy, unimaginative and unprogressive, for it is concerned with youth and the out-of-doors and a great young country which "was built around camp fires". Surely there lies the challenge and the inspiration to make this little magazine something worth while.



This picture was taken at a special course for Camp Counselors conducted by the Water Safety Department of the Ontario Division Red Cross.

NOTES from the Provinces

BRITISH COLUMBIA

The outstanding event to which the B.C. Camping Association is looking forward in 1950 is the Annual National Convention of the Canadian Association for Health, Physical Education and Recreation, which is to be held in Vancouver in June. Camping is to have an important part in the program of this convention, and Miss Anne Vail, our National President, hopes to be present, as well as other outstanding camp leaders from the east. Miss Gertrude Moore is chairing the committee on camping and is working on ideas for displays, films, workshops, etc.

The Y.W.C.A., Y.M.C.A., Alexandra and Gordon Neighbourhood Houses ran day camps last summer and made valuable contribution to camping, as circumstances prevent so many children from being able to attend regular camps.

Gordon House day camp program was ambitious and would seem to have achieved a real camping experience for the thirty-two boys and girls who attended for the month. They were able to secure a campsite on U.B.C. endowment land. There the children travelled three days a week to clear bush, build their cabins, have their campfires and occasional sleep-outs. The other two days were devoted to crafts in the a.m. at Gordon House and swimming instruction at Second Beach under the supervision of the Canadian Red Cross Society.

ALBERTA

From Alberta we have a most interesting article printed in this issue, "Camping — Mountain Style". This gives a colorful picture of what the Y.M.C.A. and Y.W.C.A. are doing. The Girl Guides, Boy Scouts and C.G.I.T. have many camps dotted over the province, by the shores of many small lakes, and we hope to be able to give interesting glimpses in later issues of prairie, as well as mountain-camping.

ONTARIO

The main item of interest in the Ontario Association is the forth-coming Camp Conference, March 10th and 11th, which the various committees now at work, are planning to make "the best yet". See more detailed announcement of this Camp Conference on pages 16 and 17.

The Committee on Research has compiled a bulletin for members on "Know Your Camps", giving some interesting facts and figures about Ontario camps.

A few facts of interest. Did you know that:

—There are 114 camps and camp groups in the Ontario Camping Association; 41% are private camps; 49% organization, and 10% "special".

—Boys' camps outnumber girls' camps two to one. There are almost as many co-educational camps as there are girls' camps.

—The first camp in Ontario opened in 1893 and is the Y.M.C.A. Camp On-Da-Da-Waks at Golden Lake, Ontario.

—Twenty-eight camps have been opened since 1945.

QUEBEC

The Quebec Section has been concerned with courses and conferences. The McGill Extension Department offered us an opportunity to plan a course for the next ten weeks. Although the notice was short, a very satisfactory series of lectures was organized. Names familiar in the camping field include: Miss Anne Vail, Miss Norah Bailey, Miss Dorothy Percival. Authorities on health, camp management and arts and crafts, will speak on their specialties.

Conference plans are well under way, with the dates set for March 31 - April 1. We would be glad to have people from other sections join us. The program is not completely outlined as yet, but if hard work and meetings pay off, the week-end should be very valuable.

The regular monthly meetings have taken place with Dr. Allan Ross speaking on Health, Mr. Allan Mills, the radio singer on Camp Music and Dr. Wilson speaking on Camp generally.

NEWFOUNDLAND

Under the supervision of the National C.G.I.T. Committee, a camp project for Newfoundland girls' leaders was sponsored last summer. At Musgravetown it was arranged to have two groups—one a 'teen age group carrying on the usual teen-age program; the other a leadership group to observe and assist. Each camper was encouraged to go back to her community to improve the quality of leadership in the home church. Their slogan was "Each one teach one".

At Lewisport the campers were younger and the leadership phase of the program became a course on "Looking toward Leadership".

Camping is decidedly in the pioneering stage. At Musgravetown the campers met for their program in the school house, where they ate their meals, cooked, sang, and had activities on windy or rainy days. Some of the campers commuted each day from a nearby village; three lived in at their own homes; several were billeted, and ten lived in an unoccupied, unfurnished house which they called "The Wigwam". Lack of a real camp site detracted from the fun and the benefit of community living, but in spite of this a fine spirit was developed.

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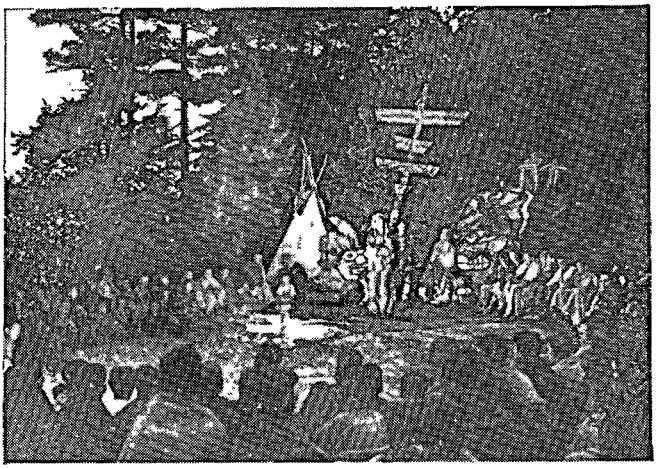
The twenty-first National Convention of the American Camping Association will be held in St. Louis, Mo., February 15th - 18th. The convention headquarters will be Hotel Jefferson, and the chairman is J. Edward Dodds, Y.M.C.A., 1528 Locust Street, St. Louis, Mo.



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- Program will feature something of interest to everyone — group sessions, discussion groups on varied subjects, movies, ideas, entertainment.
- Commercial exhibits will show many new products and ideas which you can use to advantage.

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Of General Interest

Red Cross Water Safety Instructor Schools in Ontario—January-Easter.

Ottawa: A course is scheduled to start Feb. 6th, continuing through February, two nights a week.

Toronto: A course will start on Monday, February 27th, at the Ontario College of Education at 7 p.m., and will run every Monday and Wednesday evening until March 29.

Kingston: An intensive course in the Easter holidays will be held at the Queen's University pool April 11th to 15th.

Port Hope: A course similar to that at Kingston will be held in Port Hope during the Easter holidays.

Courses are also being planned for May or June in Cornwall, Simcoe County, the Lakehead, Windsor, London, Thorold, Sudbury and Petawawa.

For further information, contact the Water Safety Department, Ontario Division Red Cross, 621 Jarvis Street, Toronto.

INSTRUCTORS' COURSES FOR SASKATCHEWAN:

Regina—April 10 - 15.
Moose Jaw—May 19 - 23.
Saskatoon—June 2 - 6.
Prince Albert—June 9 - 13.

For further information contact:

Saskatchewan Division Red Cross,
2331 Victoria Avenue, Regina.

Camp Oconto, which has been owned and directed for twenty-five years by Miss Ferna G. Halliday, has been purchased by Mr. and Mrs. E. Clifford Labbett (nee June Kennedy, graduate of the Margaret Eaton School and former director of Camp Tapawingo of the Central Y.W.C.A., Toronto). We wish them success for the 1950 season.

Ontario Camping Association Conference

"It will give me great pleasure to attend your Annual Conference on March 10 and 11", wrote Mr. Bernard S. Mason in replying to the invitation of the Ontario section of the Canadian Camping Association. "It is many years since I have visited Canada and I understand that the camping movement has expanded rapidly during the last decade."

Bernard Mason needs no introduction to camper, counselor, or camp director. As the author of many books on camping and woodcraft he has made a vital contribution to the whole movement. His appearance at the Ontario Conference, which is again to be held at the Central Y.W.C.A. in Toronto, will high-light a stimulating programme.

Other outstanding speakers secured by the Conference Committee are Mr. Sidney Hazelton, writer of the popular and practical "Camp Aquatic Program", and Mr. Bradford Sears of the New York School of Forestry, an authority on camp structures and campsite development. Discussion groups will be directed largely by Canadians prominent in the camping field.

While provision has been made for food services at moderate cost during the entire conference, only one formal banquet will be held. The guest speaker for this occasion will be Mr. Leo Dolan, Director of the Canadian Government Travel Bureau. Mr. Dolan is a forceful and entertaining speaker who will discuss the relationship of camping to the work of his department.

A warm invitation is extended to camping people in other provinces to come to Toronto to share your experiences and problems with us, and to find inspiration and guidance in the messages which will be brought to us by the camping authorities. Detailed information can be obtained by writing to

The Ontario Camping Association
236 Bloor St. West, Toronto 5.

J. H. Passmore,
Conference Co-Chairman.

Book Reviews

ON THE BEAM: Toronto Y.M.C.A., Camp Tonakelo (India) Committee, 222 Front St. East, Toronto. Joint chairmen, Taylor Statten and Dr. Chas. E. Hendry. Price, 50c or five copies for $2.00.

This book of devotional and inspirational stories for boys has been published to meet an urgent demand on the part of teachers, church leaders, scoutmasters, Y.M.C.A. secretaries, and others, and is intended for the use of boys from twelve to fifteen years of age. There are sixty-six stories suitable for brief club or camp devotions, and thirty-five outstanding men have contributed their best and most inspiring stories, many of the names being very familiar to readers of "Canadian Camping".

Of particular interest is the fact that the total profits from the sale of this book go to help "Camp Tonakela" in India, which was established in 1936, and serves the boys and girls from one of the world's most densely-crowded cities—Madras.

The camp gets its name from Mrs. Taylor Statten, who is affectionately known at Wapomeo as "Tonakelo". Many Canadian campers and counselors have had a share in the magnificent camp work being done by Wallace Forgie in far-off India. "On the Beam" is a fine book for campers of either the East or the West.

IN SEARCH OF OURSELVES: By Len Peterson and Dr. J. D. M. Griffin. Published by McClelland and Stewart, Toronto, 1949; price, $1.25 for set of 35c each.

This is a set of four booklets: 1. Sex Education. 2. Brotherly Hatred. 3. The Careful Boy. 4. Adolescent Rebellion. They were presented as a series of broadcasts over C.B.C. and each one dramatised the case history of an individual with a personality problem, followed up by the professional analysis by a psychiatrist. These broadcasts formed the basis of many discussion groups throughout the Dominion.

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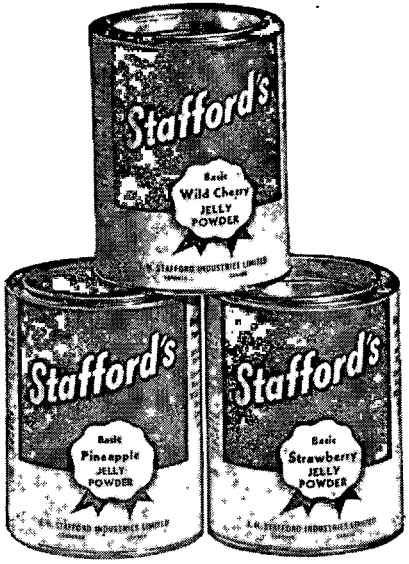

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Copies obtained from Julean W. Smith, Dept. of Public Instruction, Lansing 2, Michigan.

"CAMPING AND WOODCRAFT", by Horace Kephert, published by Macmillan Co., 70 Bond St., Toronto. Reprinted Dec. 1947, pp. 479.

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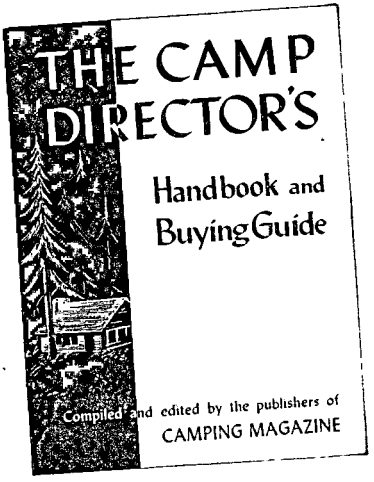

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Pierre is of the opinion that it will be very interesting to watch the development of school camping in Canada. He realizes that educators here may be more conservative than their opposite numbers in the States, but since many of them have been raised on or near the farms, that they may do a better job of it once they get at it.

Pierre's wisdom is that of the bush and the variety of life that dwells therein. School camping will give boys and girls a chance to learn about it first hand. Pierre feels that it is important that these young people, who dwell for the most part in the city, should know about the efforts being made to conserve and restore the native life of the bush. Reports he had had of school camps lead him to believe that they are a fine method of showing the "kids".

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—C.R.B.

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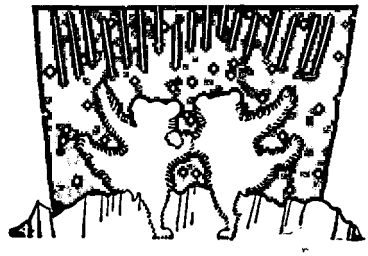

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